



CALIFORNIA TRAIL

...TIME TRAVEL THROUGH CALIFORNIA'S PAST



Pack your bags and enough supplies for an imaginary Time Travel Trip through more than 150 years of California's past. Put yourself in the shoes of an early settler traveling west in search of gold or "the California Dream" (a better way of life). Get ready to embark on your journey!

PLACE GALLERY ~ 2nd floor

1. It's 1850. Your prairie schooner (wagon) is ready for the long, dangerous journey to California to start a new life. You've heard about the four natural regions of California. Look along one wall in the **Land Exhibit** and identify them with your partner or group. List the two regions that are natural barriers to travelers coming west on overland trails to California. Then, circle the region that you select to cross into California.



2. You've seen California's natural beauty, and your friends have told you about California's natural disasters. What are three to look out for on your travels? (**Natural Disasters Exhibits**)

3. Stop to check out a map. At the **12-foot floor map** of California, have your group leader press the button to view "Settlement." Write one interesting fact that you learned.

Where would you like to settle in California? _____

4. Got lost? Looking for the first road built in California? Find _____ to help you. What is this and why was it used?



PEOPLE GALLERY ~ 2nd floor


5. Hop aboard the **vintage bus** to hear the journeys of other people coming to California. Select one story you found interesting and complete the following.


_____ came to California in _____ because _____


6. Feeling tired and somewhat ill? Visit the **Herbal Shop**. You might need a _____. What is this & what was it used for?



PROMISE GALLERY ~ 1st floor

7. Gold mine ahead! You'll need a . Look around for it. What is the name of this object? _____ How was it used? _____
8. No luck finding gold? Look for other "golden opportunities" that people seek in California. (Check out the exhibits in **Continuing Gold Rush and the Hall of Promise**.) List two.

9. Your friend just gave you a new  but you misplaced it. Look around. What is it made out of?

10. Running out of supplies? Get out your  It's time to make:

11. Take a rest and appreciate some art. Gaze up at the 70-foot **ceiling mural**. Find one image or symbol that represents California and tell what the symbol represents. *Example: The grapevine represents the characteristics of California's countryside.*

POLITICS GALLERY ~ 1st floor

12. It's 1962...Tired and thirsty? Visit **Posey's Café** and eavesdrop on a conversation by pressing button #2 on the jukebox. What is something children can do to influence change in our government?

13. You've gone back in time. It's 1849. You hear that delegates have just written a Constitution to submit to Congress for California to become a state. Be politically aware... Find out about important issues addressed by the 1849 Constitution (**California Constitutions Exhibit** - Refer to *The California Chronicle* across from the Constitutions) What was one issue?

California becomes a state! Complete the following:

It took Congress about a year to agree and admit California to the Union in _____.

What number state was California to join the Union? _____

People in California are now a part of the U.S. and men have the right to _____!

(Women gained that right in 1911.)

14. Time flies! It's 1988 and the first Tuesday in November. Find the . What will you be doing?

(actual size 6 ft)

Congratulations! You have completed your journey through 151 years of California's past.
Keep searching for your "California Dream."